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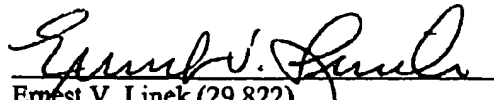
Sir:

RULE 312 AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated 28 April 2004, please amend the claims as shown herein.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so. Thus the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned, collect, at the number shown.

Respectfully submitted,



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